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FOLLOWING REPEAT KINSHASA 1838, SENT SECSTATE INFO BRUSSELS
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SUBJECT: NETO EXTENDS OLIVE BRANCH TO MOBUTU

REF: KINSHASA 1744

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: ON FEBRUARY 22 ANGOLAN PRESIDENT NETO SENT A VERY
CONCILIATORY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU. IN ADDITION TO STATING
THAT ANGOLA WOULD NOT INTERFERE IN ZAIRIAN AFFAIRS, AND
THAT NO AGRESSION WOULD BE DIRECTED AGAINST ZAIRE FROM ANGOLA,
NETO PROPOSED THAT ZAIRIAN AND ANGOLAN DELEGATIONS RESUME
THEIR NORMALIZATION DISCUSSIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE ZAIRIAN
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MEDIA GAVE FULL PLAY TO THE NETO MESSAGE. END SUMMARY

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRESIDENT NETO TO PRESIDENT
MOBUTU WHICH WAS WIDELY PUBLICIZED IN ZAIRE FEB. WWAWEM

BEGIN TEXT

DEAR BROTHER: RECENT NEWS PUBLISHED IN THE PRESS CAN
DAMAGE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WHICH WE DESIRE TO BE
FRIENDLY. I TAKE THE GREATEST PLEASURE IN INFORMING YOU THAT THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IN ORDER
TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS BETWEEN ANGOLA AND ZAIRE. NO AGGRESSION
WILL BE DIRECTED AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE FROM THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA; NOR WILL THERE BE ANY INTERFERENCE IN THE
INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF YOUR COUNTRY OR ANY MISINTERPRETATION OF
POSITIONS WHICH MIGHT ARISE AMONG SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS OF OUR
TWO COUNTRIES. I REAFFIRM THE DESIRE OF THE MPLA, THE LABOR
PARTY, AND OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA RAPIDLY TO FIND
A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS UNDER DISCUSSION.

I REITERATE MY CONFIDENCE IN AN EARLY SOLUTION TO ALL
OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS. I PROPOSE AN EARLY MEETING BETWEEN THE
DELEGATIONS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN CONTINUATION OF THE
DISCUSSIONS RECENTLY HELD IN BRAZZAVILLE. CORDIAL AND FRATERNAL
GREETINGS. END TEXT

3. COMMENT: THIS CONCILIATORY MESSAGE CONTRASTS MARKEDLY WITH
TONE OF RECENT ANGOLAN PUBLIC STATEMENTS ALLEGING ZAIRIAN
AGGRESSION. IN REPORTING THE MESSAGE, LOCAL PRESS (WITH EVIDENT
SATISFACTION) HAS CHARACTERIZED IT AS LUANDA'S REACTION TO
GOZ DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES (PARA 7, REFTTEL). DAVIS UNQUOTE.
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